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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I chose my internet provider, Sonic, because they are a small, independent local business. I like that my money goes to support people who live in my state near me. I love their customer service people who really listen and solve any problems. And I really like that Sonic respects my privacy when it comes to my data. They are not just going to hand it over to anyone without a warrant.

Without competition, my choices would be fewer and the cost much higher. We average non-CEO working people cannot afford higher prices and yet it is difficult to be a part of the world without internet connectivity.

Competition is supposed to be one of the keys of a market economy. We need competition!

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